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Correction

The editors of the Thule Times would like to apologize for an error in last month's issue.

The article, "Food for Thought," was written by MSgt Timothy Cordy, 821 SPTS/LG, not SrA Joni Swearson, 821 SFS, as the paper had indicated.

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Upcoming Retirement Ceremonies

Join us at the TOW club to celebrate!

Maj Pratt, Det 3/CC
19 July

TSgt Riter, 821 SPTS/CE
22 July

A New Era Begins:

12 SWS Change of Command & 821 ABG Standup



By TSgt Angela Yoho 821 SPTS/OS

With the simple phrase "Sir, I assume command," Colonel Louis E. Christensen assumed command of the 821st Air Base Group here at Thule. The 21 June ceremony signaled the end of an era at Thule. Not only was the 821 ABG activated but Colonel Craig Whitehead also turned over the reigns of the 12 Space Warning Squadron to Lt. Colonel Shawn Barnes.

The ceremony took place at the base gym with members of the 12 SWS and local community looking on. Even Mrs. Christensen was able to travel on a space available basis to

be present. Those individuals who did not have the opportunity to attend the ceremony were lucky enough to see the ceremony in their work centers, since it was televised base-wide.

Members of every shop on base dusted off their service coats and stood in formation for the event. The event started with a presentation of the colors by members of the Security Forces Flight. In addition, all four national anthems were played including the Canadian, Danish and Greenlandic and United States anthems.

Colonel Michael Rampino, 21 Operations Group Commander, began the ceremony by presenting Col. (please turn to page 12)

Commander's Corner



By Col Louis Christensen
821 ABG/CC

The Greenland National Flag Day called for a celebration here at Thule AB, June 21st 2002, marking the 17th anniversary of the national flag. Team Thule participated in a ceremony honoring the establishment of the Greenlandic Flag. Flags throughout

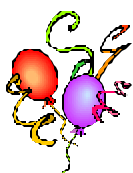
Greenland were lowered and raised with ceremony, honoring this day in Greenland's history. Greenland is a part of the Common Wealth of Denmark and was granted Home Rule status in May 1979.

Traditional songs, dance and a buffet full of delicate foods (seal ribs, whale blubber, dried fish) were offered at the Top of the World Club on the 22nd of June and at Dundas Village on the 23rd.

Being stationed at Thule is a great opportunity for Americans to learn more about our NATO ally Denmark, and for Danes to learn more about our American traditions, and for all of us to learn more about the Greenlandic culture. Take advantage of it!



Col Louis Christensen gathers with Danish and Greenlandic members of Team Thule to commemorate Greenlandic Day in front of the Headquarters building. (L to R): Col Christensen, Svend Damgaard, Mina Graae, Anna Petersen, Kim Davidson and Cmdr Holmer Søgaard.)



Happy Birthday



TSgt Mike Garcia
A1C Aimee BoJack
TSgt Ken Manecke
TSgt Angela Yoho
MSgt Roger Sams
MSgt David Dougherty
Lt Col Robert Orwig

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A Day Late Doesn't Mean A Dollar Short:

The First Annual 821 ABG Dining Out

By TSgt Angela Yoho 821SPTS/OS

Members of the 821st Air Base Group and local community recently participated a military tradition dating back to World War II. Captain Troy Brashear and other hardworking members of

Friday. But even an unforeseen problem like this did not deter the members of the Dining Out committee. With haste, the event was delayed a full day — same time, new day. In addition, the extra day gave everyone more time to practice their parts and make sure that the night was a success. The TOW club staff was also extremely accommodating to the small change in plans.

The Dining Out capped a day that started with the activation of the 821 ABG and the 12 Space Warning Squadron Change of Command. Over 100 military, wing and local dignitaries and guests attended the event.

Committee decided that the theme would be "Thule New Horizons" based on the activation of the Air Base Group.

Prior to the event, there was quite a flurry of pre-events including a "uniform" session hosted by TSgt Angela Yoho to mentor the younger troops on the proper wear of the semi-formal uniform. Everyone was painfully aware that a misplaced ribbon or other error would most certainly be a "grogable" offense.

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During the POW/MIA portion of the evening, A1C Otis Chatham carefully placed each symbol on the POW/MIA table. It is a military custom to remember those who could not be at the Dining Out because of their service to the United States of America.



Everyone gets into the act! For reasons, that either no one can remember (or claims to remember) the entire head table was sent to the infamous grog bowl. While their grog etiquette was spirited, as you can see from the photo, their simultaneous about-face needs a little work.

Team Thule put together the first Dining Out at Thule since 1995.

After more than a month of planning, at first it seemed as though the Dining Out might be in jeopardy. Due to mechanical problems, the DC-8, normally scheduled for a Thursday arrival, did not land at Thule until



Everyone in the Mess stood at attention as the Head Table entered the Top of the World Club ballroom. The head table included Ch, Capt Don Bretz, Brig Gen Duane Deal, Col Christensen, Mrs. Cynthia Christensen and Cmdr. Holmer Søgaard.

Greenlandic Day: Hot Cocoa & Warm Memories

By SrA Annalisa Hernandez 821 ABG/HC

I was able to experience the visit to Mt. Dundas village. Besides the dried fish, seal soup and whale blubber I was only brave enough to sample a dime-size piece of seal which tasted like liver. Then I finished that off with a piece of bread and hot cocoa.

I walked to the edge by the beach and got some beautiful photos of the icebergs. I also took some photos of the small huts that are made of strips of wood. An older couple walked by wearing their native fur clothing.

The man was wearing polar bear pants. The lady was wearing what looked like fur shocks turned inside out. She said that as a little girl she used to play in one of the huts that was still standing. She pointed out another hut about 10 yards away that was only partially together. She said that was where she was born.

When I arrived to the village the weather felt very cold but by the time I left, I found myself just enjoying another exciting experience that I was able to call and share with my family.



Bundled in his winter finest, Capt Troy Brashear, 12 SWS, takes in the sights, sounds and tastes of Greenlandic Day. Despite warmer weather during the previous week, Team Thule needed to pull out their cold weather gear since a front rolled in just before the bar-b-que.

(Top) MSgt Ray Magby, 821 SPTS/SV, digs into his seal soup. Greenlandic Day was a wonderful chance for the American members of Team Thule to experience Greenlandic delicacies and traditional music.

(Bottom) Grillmaster, Kim Nielsen, spent the better part of the day grilling hamburgers, chicken and the ever popular "red wieners." Although the temperature left something to be desired, the spirit of fun and friendship filled the area with laughter despite the cool June weather.



Mr. Qulutanguaq Jeremiassen entertained the crowd with his musical stylings on the Qilaat, a traditional Greenlandic percussion instrument. He and his partner performed a number of different pieces at the foot of Mt. Dundas that day.



Decked out in her polar bear skin pants, Ms. Navarana Sørensen truly "rocked" on the Qilaat. Ms. Sørensen's passion for her music and the intensity of her performance is something that will stay with many of Team Thule for years to come.

Is Capt Greg Marty, 821 ABG/CCE, destined for Star Search? Probably not. Despite Mr. Jeremiassen patient teaching, Capt Marty doesn't seem to be getting the idea.

Beware!

Fire Safety Tips

By TSgt John Martella 821 ABG/SE

Many have heard or read about the numerous fires around the nation due to extreme drought conditions. This hits close to home in Colorado. Two large fires have consumed many thousands of acres and many structures just in two areas of Colorado. Numerous community subdivisions have been evacuated and as print time, several others are on standby for evacuation. Many other fires are raging around the country. No area is safe from the fires, particularly in those that are drought stricken. The drought only contributes to the probability of more fires to occur. Some are initiated by natural phenomena, some are accidental while others are deliberately set by man. Several years ago in Florida, whole counties

were evacuated and in New Mexico the whole Four-corners area was threatened.

Are military facilities immune to these conditions? For the most part, no! The same dry conditions apply to these facilities. However, the military generally has more stringent rules and regulations and normally can extinguish flash grass fires. Fort Carson is one such example. The installation has acres of dry brush/tree training areas. Once started, it can race onward until extinguished by a lack of things to burn, by expert fire fighters, or by natural precipitation.

There are two main causes or initiation factors for fires: accidental and deliberate. Accidental is really an misnomer term as while it is not an intended consequence, the result is the same – an uncontrollable fire.

Deliberate is another matter. Yes, there are those firebugs who set fires to watch them burn, but in comparison, these are few. Those folks who throw

cigarettes out of a car window or on the ground while walking, or leaving open fires burn while camping can be guilty of deliberately causing a catastrophic fire.

PREVENTION EFFORTS

It is obvious that to prevent these kind of catastrophic results, **use common sense**. This includes, but not all inclusive:

- 1) Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows or down on the ground – use receptacles provided in the car or where smoking is allowed.
- 2) Do not leave an open camp fire burn unattended – assuming camp fires are unrestricted. Particularly, heed this when using long-retention heat substances like charcoal.

Do not initiate or allow "Controlled Burns" without proper concern for an ability to suppress it before it gets out of control. Also, be aware of wind conditions that might overcome suppression efforts.

FREE COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAM FOR US MILITARY

Washington D.C., June 3, 2002, the Federal Children's Scholarship Fund (FCSF) today announced that there has been an overwhelming response to last month's Press Release that **every** member of the military can now obtain a college education in the information technology or engineering technology fields from a fully accredited college free of charge (with tuition assistance), thanks to a new program from Grantham College of Engineering, a leading distance education institution of higher learning.

John Whitney, Executive Director of Federal Children's Scholarship Fund (FCSF), said "We were

very happy to see such a huge response by the members of the US military!."

Grantham College, which celebrated its 50th anniversary last year, is offering an unlimited number of scholarships to all of the nation's soldiers, sailors, airmen and members of the other uniformed services. Edouard R. Quatrevaux, president of the college, explained that the amount of the scholarship—which includes not only tuition, but also all books and software—is calculated to make Grantham College completely free of cost to military personnel.

Members of the military are

eligible to take college courses at a reduced rate through a partial tuition assistance program of the Department of Defense. Normally, individual service members have the burden of paying 25 percent of the tuition plus the cost of textbooks and software. The newly announced scholarship program from Grantham College covers those expenses the military student normally would have to pay, so the cost of attending Grantham College is zero, or "free" to the service member.

For more information on Grantham's Military Scholarship Program and to download an application click on <http://www.grantham.edu/fed.htm>

Services Update

The summer fun continues in full swing!

By MSgt Raymond Magby 821 SPTS/SV

SAN ANTONIO – The Air Force Services Agency has established a toll-free centralized number to help people reach any base lodging operation in the continental United States.

The number, 1-888-AF Lodge, eliminates customers having to dig for individual lodging connections to make reservations. Plus, the property management software that lodging operations are converting to is awaiting funding approval for another option that allows travelers to make online reser-

tions through the Air Force Portal website.

Additionally, the Air Force Lodging branch also is working with the Defense Travel System team to develop “one-stop shopping” for all travelers’ needs, including lodging reservations and issuing non-availability numbers.

1-888-AF Lodge



Safety Dude Invited to Trials



By Capt Elizabeth Ferrill 821 SPTS/SC

TSgt John Martella, 821 ABG/SE has been chosen, along with 32 other Air Force men, to attend the 2002 All Air Force Men’s Softball Trial Camp at Eglin AFB, Florida. The try-outs will be held from 31 July to 18 Aug 02.

TSgt Martella has been playing softball since 1984. During that time he has played mostly for civilian teams, but he did play on the Base Varsity teams at Mountain Home AFB and Sheppard AFB. Normally, he doesn’t mind where he plays on the field as long as he gets to hit!

According to TSgt Martella, “My family is very excited about this opportunity. They’ve been following me from softball field to softball field for years...and

Is TSgt Martella practicing his throw to first base or just trying to dislocate his elbow? Hard to tell, but either way, he attempts to throw this rock off a hill near D-Launch.

they are behind me 100%.”

If he is successful in making the team, TSgt Martella will continue on to compete in the Armed Forces Men’s Softball Championship and perhaps on to the Armed Forces team.

Finally, TSgt Martella says, “I would like to add my thanks to Col Whitehead and Col Christensen for allowing me this opportunity and to MSgt Magby and the rest of Services for doing the leg work to get me there. Don’t be discouraged just because you’re stationed at Thule; anything is possible if you put your mind to it!”



SSgt J.D. Morgan sings Prince like no other as Karaoke DJ Amn Samantha Barrett looks on with bewilderment.

Col Whitehead and Cmdr Søegaard greet Gen Eberhart and his wife Karen at the Base Ops. This was their third trip to Thule AB.



GENERAL & MRS. EBERHART MAKE THIRD VISIT (THIS TIME IN THE DAYLIGHT!)



SSgt Susan Elvington, SSgt Amber Foster and TSgt John Martella enjoy their salads at the dinner honoring the Eberharts and Ms. Sally Light, Deputy US Ambassador to Denmark.

MSgt Tom Allen guides TSgt Angela Yoho through a MicroFit testing session. TSgt Yoho volunteered to be tested as part of a demonstration for Gen Eberhart. MicroFit testing will be offered as part of Thule's new Health & Wellness Center.



See how clean my rug is Gen Eberhart? TSgt Edward Hibbard escorted Gen and Mrs. Eberhart around the headquarters building to show off the new office furniture. Gen Eberhart's dedicated support to Thule allowed us to replace our old office furniture some of which dated back to the 1970s.

FEML Facts & Figures

By SSgt Kyle Blumberg 821 ABG/FM

Just recently, military members and civil service employees stationed at Thule AB were approved FEML. Since then, a lot of questions have risen about FEML. This article will try to answer many of these questions and also give you a link to an example Travel Voucher to assist you in completing your claim upon return.

FEML is a funded leave program that allows the commander to authorize military members and civil service employees to travel on official government orders for one leave period during their one-year tour at Thule. It provides a government funded airline ticket to your designated port (ours is Baltimore, MD). Since this is a funded trip, authorized personnel are considered duty passengers and fly on a space-required basis. Personnel are not authorized any other entitlements. One of the most significant benefits of FEML is you are not charged leave for the travel days to or from Thule and the designated port. If you use FEML, the day you depart Thule and fly to the port and the day you arrive back at the port through the day you arrive back at Thule are not charged as leave. The other benefit is that you no longer have to pay to fly on the DC-8, so you save \$36.60.

When you return from FEML you **must file a travel claim** within five duty days, just like any other TDY. This is very important! Military members, E-6 and below, are entitled to basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) for the period of chargeable leave. Since you do not complete a leave request (AF Form 988) prior to departure, the only way to get properly charged leave and paid BAS is to file your travel claim. Also, please don't think you can avoid being charged leave by not filing your claim. Every order issued must be closed out with a substantiating travel claim. The sooner you file the claim, the sooner your military and travel pay records will be updated.

To further help you all, I have provided an example on how to fill out a Travel Voucher for FEML. You would just punch in your exact information of your trip. Here is where I keep the package for your viewing and updating pleasure \\PRANCER\public\finance\travel\feml.

Hopefully this article has answered many of your questions and concerns. The bottom line is, this is a great benefit for military members and civil service employees stationed at Thule. Enjoy it!

Chaplain's Corner: A Prayer for Unmet Expectations

By Ch, Capt Don Bretz 821 ABG/HC

Have you ever had a day when nothing went the way you had hoped it would? Have you ever prayed for something, and it seem as if your prayer was unanswered? Have you had expectations that were unrealized? I can answer "yes" to each of these, and probably you can too.

There is a prayer that I often find helpful at times when my expectations have not been met. It is a prayer attributed to an unknown Confederate soldier of the American Civil War. I hope that it will be a blessing to you.

*I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.*

I asked God for health, that I might do greater things, I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy, I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men, I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life, I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am among men, most richly blessed.

Going Aways Galore!

June was full of going ways to remember. Much of the turnover at Thule occurs in the summer months and June is no exception. To be kind to people's wallets and schedules, Col Whitehead, Lt Col Bane, Ch, Maj Clark, Capt Geiger and MSgt Lincoln decided to join forces for a single going away. Thule also said good-bye to Capt Suci and SSgt Trevino.

(Left) Lt Col Lennie Bane presents a small thank you to MSgt Craig "The Shirt" Lincoln for all his hard work throughout the year.

Chaplain, Major, Darrell Clark accepts a framed cross from Lt Col Shawn Barnes. Chaplain Clark is moving on to Holloman AFB in New Mexico.



Col Whitehead presents the Blue Nose to his trusty "right hand" Capt Sarah Geiger. Capt Geiger was heading off to Aviano AB, Italy to sample Italian cuisine, shop and occasionally serve as a personal officer.



Welcome to the TOW K Corral! In their Price Is Right showgirl style, Capt Martha Ward and TSgt Angela Yoho showed guests where to go for the best bar-b-que in town! Seriously, though, the food was excellent and many folks thought that their stomachs might burst at the end of the evening.



Even after being moved at the last minute, everyone had a blast at Capt Suci's going-away. After receiving many gifts from "The Ladies of DOP" including this smashing hard hat/beverage delivery device combo, he still found time to party the night away.

SSgt Benjamin "Ben Jamin" Trevino was lucky enough to receive a Danish Blue Nose award from Cmdr Søgaard for his efforts during Operation Julemand. SSgt Trevino was also headed to Aviano AB, Italy along with Capt Geiger and Capt Suci.



ARCTIC SPOTLIGHT



SrA Annalisa Hernandez

Last base: Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona

Next base: Aviano, Italy

Originally from: San Antonio, Texas

My Job Title: Chaplain Assistant

What I like most about my job: Having the opportunity to meet and know people on a different level/setting.

Hobbies/Interest: Love all types of sports; like reading, music (all types), dancing.

Thule goals: Some college credits, learn a new skill (golf, guitar, or crochet) and of course loose a few pounds and gain lots of new friendships!

Interesting fact: Henry Thomas who played Elliot on the movie "ET" was in my 9th grade English class.

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Whitehead with a Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding serve to the Air Force while at Thule. Lt. Col. Barnes then assumed command from Col. Whitehead.

Col Rampino and Lt Col Barnes wrestle for the 12th Space Warning Squadron guidon. (Note: Lt Col Barnes won!) The 821 ABG will now report directly to the 21 SW, allowing the 12 SWS to focus exclusively on its Missile Warning Mission.



Gen Deal and Col Christensen oversee the unfurling of the new 821st Air Base Group guidon. The guidons for 821st Support Squadron and the 821st Security Forces Squadron were also debuted at the ceremony.

Col. Christensen assumed the leadership role of the 821 ABG from Brigadier General Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander. This activation also prompted the beginning of the 821st Support and Security Forces Squadrons. Lt. Col. Robert Orwig, fresh from 21st Space Wing Plans and Programs, assumed leadership duties of the support squadron. Meanwhile, Major

Winters assumed command of the newly activated security forces squadron.

The highlight of the ceremony was when formation joined Col Whitehead in one last "tremendous" at the end of his brief but emotional farewell. At the end of the ceremony, guests were treated to refreshments provided by the squadrons.



June Promotions

Congratulations to all and good luck!



SSgt Chris Bailey 12 SWS
SSgt Daniel Hall 821 SPTS
SSgt Anthony Langley 821 SFS
SSgt Daniel Mack 821 SFS
SSgt James McDonald 821 SFS
SSgt Manuel Medina 12 SWS
SSgt Scott Womacks 821 SFS



TSgt Paul Brassfield 821 SPTS
TSgt James Kurkowski 821 SFS
TSgt Mark Russell 821 SPTS
TSgt Clifford Sharp 821 SPTS



Capt Troy Brashear 12 SWS

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The evening began with a cocktail "half-hour" in the "bistro" (normally known as the TOW club restaurant). Then the mess was ushered into the ballroom by Madame Vice, Amn Samantha Barrett, where they stood for as all four anthems were played and the colors were presented by the Thule AB Honor Guard.

A dinner of chicken or steak followed, as the Mess cheerfully sent each other to Grog. It seemed as though no one was sacred as both Brig Gen Duane Deal, 21 SW/CC, and Col Christensen took numerous trips up to sample the tasty concoction.

After dinner, the mess enjoyed to a slide show developed by Capt Elizabeth Ferrill that took them on a trip back in time to beginning days of Thule. Accompanied by music, the five minute presentation showed what life was back in the early days of the base and how much or little it has changed over time.

Finally, the dinner ended with Brig Gen Deal's address as key note speaker. Reflecting on the Air Force's core values, he reminded us to all do our best even though our time at Thule may be short. In addition, Brig. Gen. Deal, paid homage to the outgoing and incoming commanders, Col. Craig Whitehead and Col. Louis Christensen respectively.

Dining-outs are an occasion where ceremony, tradition, and good fellowship serve an important purpose, they are effective

Col Christensen presented Brig Gen Deal with picture of the Sun setting over Mt. Dundas to commemorate his trip to Thule. In his speech, the general mentioned specific members of Team Thule, like TSgt John Martella, TSgt Mike Garcia and TSgt Clifford Sharp, as examples of why Thule was such a special place.



Mr. Vice, 2nd Lt Nathan Boardmann and Madame Vice, Amn Samantha Barrett, guided the Mess through an evening of fun and military tradition. Contrary to popular opinion, they were not chosen for their stunning looks or

in building and maintaining high morale and esprit de corps. Brig Gen Deal and his team enjoyed it so much, they stayed an extra day, however, that is another story...

Independence Day Message for AFSPC

By Gen Lance Lord AFSPC/CC

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. -- Independence Day is a day of celebration – a time when families and friends gather to spend quality time with one another. It is also a day of remembrance – a time when we reflect on the courage that brought 56 men from 13 states together to sign our Declaration of Independence. More than 225 years ago a group of visionaries put forth their idea for a democratic nation. They pledged their reputations and their lives to a republic founded on the principle of freedom.

As military members, we are charged with protecting that vision. We often hear that the price of freedom is not free and the events of September 11th have reminded us just how true that is. Now more than ever we know that this responsibility is not just a lofty concept, but a real mission. We are America's guardians, keepers of the flame of liberty. Know that when you report for duty – whether it is to an operations center or a dining hall, whether at home station or a deployed location – you are serving your country and all it represents.

As you spend time with family and friends this holiday weekend, be mindful of the legacy we are charged with preserving. I'm proud of the work you do every day to that end. I want to make sure we're all preserving a personal legacy as well. By that, I want each of us to look out for each other during this statistically dangerous time of year. Beccy and I hope you enjoy the long weekend, but please think about safety when you celebrate.

The Last Word

Honoring Thule's "Mayor"

By Capt Elizabeth Ferrill 821 SPTS/SC

On May 25, 2002, Mr. Art Moore, ARCTEC services, treated the Thule population to another one of his famous bar-b-que nights. The crowd gathered at the Pavilion just after 1900 hours and the spread was impressive. Mr. Moore had grilled chicken and ribs, homemade baked beans and coleslaw and even some tasty cornbread.

Mr. Moore has worked on Thule for almost 24 years, starting way back in 1978. Since arriving in Greenland, he has always worked in one of the two Base Communications Center on base. When he first arrived, he worked for International Telephone and Telegraph, followed by Raytheon and then today's ARCTEC Services. Mr. Moore has lived in two dorms on base, but makes his home in Colorado Springs, with his wife.

At the dinner, Col Whitehead presented Mr. Moore with a plaque honoring his "honorary mayoral" status and thanking him for making Thule more enjoyable place to live for past three decades. His past and continued service to our community is greatly appreciated by all past, present and future members of Team Thule.



(Top) Col Whitehead presents Art Moore with his plaque. Mr. Moore has been a staple of Thule for nearly three decades.

Never one to shy away from the dance floor, Mr. Moore cuts a rug with MSgt Torrye Kirvin and SSgt Susan Elvington. As Mr. Moore reminds us, "Just because there is smoke on top, doesn't mean there isn't a fire down below!"